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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BDIS, BTRA, SWEL, IR

SUBJECT: PAYMENT TO AMERICAN MEDICORP AND POSSIBLE VISIT  
BY COMPANY OFFICIALS

1. AMERICAN MEDICORP (AM) IS CONCERNED OVER STATUS OF APPROXIMATELY 2.1 MILLION DOLS PAYMENT OWING TO AND PROMISED THE AMERICAN FIRM TWO-TO-THREE MONTHS AGO BY MINISTER OF HEALTH SHAIKH-OL-ESLAMIZADEH FOR WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH ABORTIVE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. AM HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BRITISH ENGINEERING FIRM THAT HAS, INDEPENDENTLY, DONE SOME WORK ON PROJECT, WITH PROMISE FROM THE GOI THAT IT WOULD BE PAID WHEN AM WAS PAID, THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE CONTINUING, UNEXPLAINED DELAY IN SECURING PAYMENT.

2. AM CONSIDERING DISPATCHING FRANK WHITNEY, V.P. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, AND JOHN BARTLET GENERAL COUNSEL, TO TEHRAN SUNDAY, MARCH 13 TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FIRST CHECKING ON STATUS OF PAYMENT WITH MINISTER IN ORDER THAT FIRM MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND OFFICIALS AND WHAT POSITION TO ASSUME IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIANS SHOULD VISIT TAKE PLACE. AM ADVISES MINISTER, SHAIKH-OL-ESLAMIZADEH USUALLY WORKS ON THURSDAYS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED INVESTIGATE STATUS OF PAYMENT AND ADVISE NEA/IRN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11, IF POSSIBLE, IN ORDER

THAT WE CAN INFORM AM OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MARCH 13 TENTATIVE DEPARTURE DATE.  
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